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Earth Day

Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, gets some help planting a tree April 24 from some base youngsters. The tree was planted between Bldg. T-100 and the Top of the Rock Club in honor of both Earth Day and the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day.

U.S. Air Force CORE VALUES

- Integrity
 First
- Service Before Self
- Excellence In All We Do

New rules in place for traffic circles

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey Editor

Drivers may want to take even more care than normal when approaching traffic circles on the island because of a new rule affecting right of way.

Until recently, the Portuguese road code, according to Joe Raposo, 65th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said that people outside the circle were to yield right of way to people already in the circle.

"Recently we had a change in the road code," Raposo said. "Now it is nearly opposite the way it used to be in that people in the circle must yield right of way to those on their right - or those who are entering the circle."

The rule, the safety staff feels,

could cause some problems for drivers who are used to yield-to-the-left circles.

"In the states where there are traffic circles and in many other European countries, we are used to yielding to those already in the circle," said Maj. David Conley, chief of safety. "This change will represent a challenge for many people who, by instinct, go through traffic circles."

Conley said that defensive driving is now more important than ever as people must "re-learn" a basic piece of road navigation.

"The best thing for people to do is simply slow down," Raposo said. "Instead of just barreling into a circle, take a moment to think about what the rules are and how it affects you. Ask yourself who you have to yield to and when, and then proceed carefully. You can't go wrong by driving defensively," he said.

1998 telethon

Tonight

• 65th Supply Squadron lip sync contest at 6 p.m.

Saturday

• 65th CS car wash and bake sale

• Telethon, auction

The following items will be auctioned during the LYP Telethon Saturday. Many items were donated by home businesses and individuals as well as AAFES and local merchants.

6 p.m. — A man's haircut, a flag with stars, a personalized house, Chicago White Sox pictures, Beanie Baby lion/match game, and a Seattle Seahawks hat.

7 p.m. — Woman's styled haircut, personalized house, flag with stars, Cincinnati Bengals package, Arizona Cardinals merchandise, and a Beanie Baby skunk/match game.

8 p.m. — Perm or manicure with haircut, personalized house, flag with stars, Seattle Seahawks hat, back and white photo "No Lifeguard," Beanie Baby shark/match game, and a used bicycle.

9 p.m. — Personalized house, flag with stars, Seattle Seahawks hats, decorative jug, Beanie Baby dog/match game and BB tiger/match game.

10 p.m. — Personalized house, flag with stars, man's bike, chest, woman's bike, picnic table, photo "Praia Church."

11 p.m. — Flag with stars, personalized house, island picture with Neptune card, smoker barbecue, Neptune picture, one year movie pass for two people.

TEAM LAJES — PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST -BOTH OUR VISITORS, AND OURSELVES



Goal Day Update

The following are the scores and what they represent for goal day information: Outstanding, 10; excellent, 9-7; satisfactory, 6-4; marginal, 3-1; and unsatisfactory, 0.

Status/score

<u>WEEK 1</u> <u>WEEK 2</u> <u>WEEK 3</u> <u>WEEK 4</u> <u>WEEK 5</u>

Fuel response time - Goal 7 minutes

7.83/2 6.96/10 6.46/10 7.07/9

IMPAC usage - Goal 75 percent

72.5/8 73.2/8 74.7/9 75.6/10

DNA testing - Goal 95 percent

91/7 92/8 94.03/9 96/10

Duty status - Goal 90 percent

89/9 100/10 100/10 96/10

To earn a down day the wing must meet all four goals by the end of week five. If the goals are met the down day will be taken in May.

May's goal day metrics include maintaining 90 percent duty status, seven-minute fuel response time and 75 percent IMPAC card usage as well as: decreasing warehouse inventory by three percent, increasing blood borne pathogen training to 95 percent (for 65th Medical Group personnel only), and achieving a 95 percent on-time rate for decorations to MPF.



The police blotters are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period April 21 to 27.

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

April 21 — On base. Persons unknown damaged a GOV by placing a large scratch on the rear quarter panel.

LARCENY

April 21 — Theft of government property/off base. Persons unknown stole a 100-foot section of fence fabric from a government facility.

April 21 — Theft of money/on base/secured. Persons unknown stole money from an on-base vendor.

April 26 — Theft of private property/off base/secured. A member said someone had stolen various items from his front yard.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

April 23 — POV-GOV/on base. A member said a GOV was going through a parking lot when it hit a backing POV. Both vehicles sustained damage.

April 25 — POV-POV/on base. A member said an on-coming vehicle crossed the center line forcing the member to swerve, lose control and hit a rock wall. The vehicle was damaged in the accident.

April 25 - POV-POV/off base. A member said he was hit by a local national. Both vehicles were damaged following the collision.

Incident	April 21-27	<u>98YTD</u>	97 Total
Assaults	0	3	14
Domestic assaults	0	2	4
Burglary	0	3	50
B&E sheds	0	7	32
B&E Govt. Bldgs.	0	18	38
Larceny	4	47	148
Vehicle accidents	3	35	97
DUI	0	0	5
Vandalism	1	16	86

Lajes Team Player



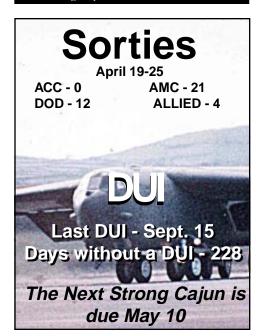
SrA. Lisa Peele

<u>Unit</u> - 65th Mission Support Squadron, career enhancement element <u>DEROS</u> - Nov. 1999

How do you contribute to the <u>Team Lajes mission</u> - By managing the awards and decorations, reenlistments and extensions and the base recognition programs.

<u>Like least about Lajes</u> - Flash heaters, commercial free TV and extremely limited shopping.

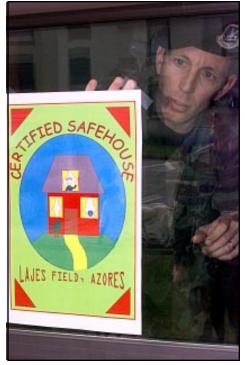
<u>Like most about Lajes</u> - The peacefullness. It's so nice to have a quiet night's sleep without sirens and other big-city noise.





Safehouse

SSgt. Kip Huston, 65th Security Forces Squadron, puts a Safehouse Poster in his home window. The Safehouse Program gives people a safe place to go in the event of emergency or if they feel threatened. Anyone can sign up to be a Safehouse volunteer. A background check is conducted by the 65th SFS and participants must go through a training course. For more information, call SSgt. J.T. Hawk at Ext. 22405.



Photo/Guido Melo

Family day care provider appreciation day: May 8

Commentary by Lou Denham

Family member support flight chief

Family Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is May 8.

This day reminds those of us who have children in family day care homes to say thank you to those providers who make it possible for us to go to work, the gym, meetings or just have time to ourselves.

These providers must go through a three-day training class, along with CPR training, first aid classes, food handlers and fire extinguisher training.

Their homes are constantly under inspection by the FDC coordinator, fire, safety and military public health. They must find the time to study and pass 15 family day modules and meet all the requirements of the family day care panel. The care that they provide is under the same tight guidelines that are found at the child development center and school age program.

These providers offer an alternative to large group care. They can only have a maximum of six children at any time. They are required to provide developmental programs and proper nutrition. Since the care is provided in their homes their whole family is involved.

Please take the time to show your appreciation for them and their families for providing a safe and fun place for your children.

Current family day care providers - Lana Siewert, Ext. 28199 and Diane Johnson, Ext. 28870.

The next family ay care provider training class will be May 11,12 and 13. For more information, call Ext. 23188 or 21334.

Team Lajes...

Wing quarterly awards

The following people have been selected as the 65th Air Base Wing Quarterly Award Winners in their respective categories:

Volunteer - Full-time paid — **TSgt. Parry Campbell**, 65th Operations Support Squadron

Volunteer - Non/partial paid — **Dawn Wehman**

Portuguese Civilian, Category 1 — **David Silva**, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron

Portuguese Civilian, Category 2 — **Filomena Meneses**, 65th Contracting Squadron

U.S. Civilian, Category 1 — **Wendy Messner**, 629th AMSS U.S. Civilian, Category 2 — **Stephen Maxwell**, 629th AMSS Honor Guard Member — **TSgt. Larry Veltman**, 65th Logiscs Group

Airman — **SrA. Joseph Dinapoli**, 65th Support Group Noncommissioned Officer — **TSgt. Barbara Steffen**, 65th Medical Group

Senior NCO — **MSgt. George Jacquez**, 65th SPTG Company Grade Officer — **1st Lt. Ryan Plunkett**, 65th

65TH TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON

Sr. NCO — MSgt. Eric Mercer

NCO — SSgt. Marco DeGois

Airman — SrA. Donald Williams

Portuguese Civilian, Category 1 — Francisco Caravlho Vehicle Maintenance Technician of the Month, March — Carlos Nunes

Vehicle Operator of the Month, March — **Delio Vieira Lima**Top Notch Transporter of the Month, March — **TSgt. An- thony Aubrey**

CDC scores

The following people received outstanding marks (90 percent or better) on their career development course, end of course exams

Amn. Christina Coats, 92 percent, 65th Comptroller Flight; TSgt. Dewey Wells, 92 percent, 65th Communications Squadron; SSgt. Steven Krywany, 90 percent, 65th Operations Support Squadron; and SrA. William Everette, 91 percent, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron.

Awards

The following personnel awards are the Commander's Support Staff awards for people performing personnel duties at the unit level regardless of AFSC.

Senior NCO — **SMSgt. Brian Addis**, 65th Medical Group Civilian - **Wendy Messner**, 629th Air Mobility Support Squad-

Promotions

The following people have been promoted to the indicated rank within the 65th Communications Squadron.

MSgt. Michael Hendricks, SSgt. Brian Huber, SrA. Paola Spratt, SrA. Jonathon Hull, and SrA. Thomas Crutchfield.



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action line 24240

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Additionally, answers to anonymous inquiries will normally not be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122
AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124
Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113
Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411
CE customer service	23335
Security police	26114

Telephone
service desk 119
Supply squadron 23832
TMO inbound 25168
TMO outbound 24213
Personnel flight 23612
Services 21322/
beeper 169-1174



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents a Meritorious Service Medal to Capt. Evangeline Cheeks, 65th Air Base Wing, Monday.

Beira Mar speed

My concern is about the speed limit at the Beira Mar gate and the road there. There have been numerous occasions when my son and I have been crossing the street and a speeding car has been in sight. I always look both ways when crossing, but when clear I literally have to hurry through the cross walk. Is there any possible way speed bumps could be installed on both sides of the road to ensure safety for all pedestrians?

I share your concern about speeding cars in all areas but especially on the road outside the Beira Mar gate. In an effort to reduce speed of vehicles on that road we have repeatedly asked local officials for help to include allowing the installation of speed bumps. I'm

confident we will get eventual approval, but the process has been slow. The road outside of Beira Mar gate is the exclusive jurisdiction of the Praia Police and we've had some success in Praia's increased monitoring of traffic on that road while we continue pursuing speed bumps. In the interim, Team Lajes needs to be aware of this hazard and I urge all members to be extra careful when entering the road.



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Social actions:

Helping you to succeed

SSgt. Andre America
Social actions

The wing social actions office provides a variety of services to the Air Force community. We provide assistance and education to commanders, civilians and active-duty members and their families involving equal opportunity and treatment.

Part of this assistance is resolving conflict within the workplace. There are several methods to addressing issues of discrimination and sexual harassment. The most common way to address an issue is through your chain of command. This is highly encouraged and usually the best method, however there are times when an individual will not feel comfortable using the chain of command. This is where social actions can help.

Someone who perceives they've been discriminated against must have an opportunity to have their concerns addressed. The social actions office provides two options: file a formal complaint or address the situation informally.

When the individual brings an allegation of discrimination to the social actions office, an appointment is set up with an EOT technician. Additionally, the complainant is asked to provide a written statement describing the allegations in accordance with AFI 36-2706, to determine if an EOT violation has occurred. If the allegation is not an EOT issue, it is referred to the appropriate agency. If the issue appears to be an EOT violation, formal and informal options are explained to the complainant. As stated previously, the chain of command is the best starting point to resolution. However, the decision of what option to use rests with the individual.

Informal resolution -Almost all discriminatory

Almost all discriminatory situations can be addressed at the individual, supervisors, first sergeant or commander level. As taught in the EO Awareness 2000 class, everyone has a role in equal opportunity. Early identification and open communication are the essential key to resolving issues. Commanders' policy letters reiterate the Air Force's goal for equality in the workplace and emphasize the organizational standards. Mediation is also a valuable tool available.

Formal resolution - When an issue cannot be resolved using informal methods, a formal complaint clarification is conducted. A complaint clarification is a process of gathering information for the commander. The clarification assist the commander is determining whether a preponderance of evidence exist that unlawful discrimination occurred. The formal complaint clarification process is composed of 10 steps.

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When does the bullfight season begin and can you explain the whole process of this cultural event?

The street bullfight season on Terceira Island begins tonight and will continue through Oct. 15. This type of bullfighting is a local custom that continues to be very popular and a very important part of all festivities around the island.

The bulls (there are usually four) are hauled in crates from the bull ranches located in the center of the island to the village where the

bullfight is to be held. The truck transporting the bulls is usually preceded by a motor-cade with villagers who went to the ranches to participate in the bulls' selection process.

Later in the afternoon (usually at 6 p.m.), a blast that sounds like fireworks signals the bull is in the street and it's time for people who don't want to play matadors to seek refuge. The bull, with a rope tied around his neck and secured by about eight men dressed in white, starts pursuing his "foes" trying to find a good target on which to vent his anger.

After some brave men in the crowd tease and harass the bull for about half an hour, the bull is pulled back into the crate by the rope handlers for a well

deserved rest. Two blasts signal that it's safe to walk in the street again until another bull is released.

Another tradition connected with the street bullfights is the popular food stands called "Tascas." In these stands one can find some of the island's best known local wine, beer, seafood and other island specialties. I encourage all the Americans to see a bullfight, but don't let fun interfere with safety. Every year people are gored by the bulls and end up in an hospital bed with serious injuries. There have also been some fatalities in the past because people misjudged the

Cultural Crossroads

With Eduardo Lima

To ask a question, call Ext. 23413, or E-mail: limae@abw65.lajes.af.mil





Although some carefree (foolish?) souls will taunt the bull in a seemingly reckless manner, U.S. military members and their families, as well as DOD civilians, may not participate directly in a bullfight. People should take refuge along high walls. A bull can easily jump a wall of only a few feet. Fences, no matter how tall, don't generally withstand much punishment from a one-ton bull, so climbing them is not considered a good idea.

bull's aggressive capabilities.

Please remember that U.S.Forces Azores regulations prohibit U.S. military members, civilians and family members from actively participating in any type of bullfighting on the island.

When viewing a street bullfight, choose a high place, out of the bull's range. Be careful and use common sense.

Watch this column for places and times of future bullfights throughout the season. The community center also currently has tickets for sale for the arena bullfight which is held in June.

Social actions Continued from Page 4

• Initial contact • Decision is made by complainant to file a formal complaint • the complainant must sign an AF Form 1587 to begin the process. Once this is done the complaint cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the chief of social actions. The commanders and the complainant and the alleged offender are advised of the

complaint • Conduct the clarification • A legal review is conducted to insure the complaint clarification procedures have been followed properly. This assists in the overall quality of the clarification • Advise commanders of findings • Commander takes action • Social action briefs the complainant of the outcome • If the complain-

ant or the alleged offender are not satisfied, they may file an appeal. The appeal process is applicable only to formal complaints of unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment filed by military members • After all steps are exhausted, the case file will be returned to social actions for final review by the chief of social actions and closure.

The most important issue in either process is the resolution of the individual's concerns. No matter the method an individual chooses to address their concern, the social actions office will be there to provide professional assistance. The social actions office is here, "Helping you to succeed."



65th Medical Group expands hours, services

Maj. Kimberly Cox Medical Services Flight commander

It is time once again to update the Lajes community on the capabilities of the 65th Medical Group.

Beginning Monday, the medical group will offer a women's health clinic and an expanded-hours family practice clinic. Also beginning Monday, the flight surgeon's clinic will relocate to Bldg. T-416 and the physical therapy clinic will relocate to Bldg. T-425.

The following are the hours for clinic operations and a chart on the next page can be cut out for easy reference: *All hours are Monday through Friday unless noted.*

- Active-duty sick call: 7:15 a.m.
- Flight surgeon's office active-duty sick call: 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Family practice clinic: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Expanded hours clinic: 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and 7 to 11 a.m. on weekends, holidays and down days.

The expanded hours clinic will offer follow-up and urgent medical appointments from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 7 to 11 a.m. on weekends, holidays and down days.

After 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and after 11 a.m. on weekends, holidays, and down days, the clinic will be manned with an emergency ambulance response team only, with a physician on call as the primary care manager.

Angra Hospital will continue to provide emergency medical services.

The women's health clinic will offer routine obstetrical and gynecological appointments which may be scheduled by calling the appointment desk at Ext. 23261.

The 65th Medical Group Clinic closes from 2 to 5 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays for mandatory training

All clinics (family practice, women's health, flight surgeon, pediatric, optometry, mental health and dental) will see patients by appointment only, with the exception of active-duty sick call. The dental and optometry clinics will see sick call patients by appointment only.

The purpose of sick call is to determine a military members' ability to perform duties. This usually means those individuals with urgent problems should use this service. Active-duty sick call is considered a mandatory formation. The member needs to be in the duty uniform of the day and arrive on time

Active-duty family members, Department of Defense members and their families, and retirees and family members of retirees are also important. The 65th Medical Group Clinic has several same-day appointments available for urgent problems like cold or flu symptoms. Same-day appointments are available from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Those who need prescription refills or appointments for recurrent or chronic conditions should schedule appointments with their primary care manager at least seven days in advance.

In the event of an emergency, members should call Ext. 911 from any phone on base, and if off-base, call Ext. 540-117.

The 65th Medical Group Clinic has two ambulances that will transport all patients who require this service; however, all non-DOD beneficiaries will receive bills for this service. Ambulance transportation is covered under TRICARE with the usual deductions and co-payments. The only emergency room available to Lajes Field is Angra Hospital and the 65th Medical Group has a memorandum of understanding with Angra Hospital to provide emergency care to our beneficiaries.

Active-duty members seeking emergency care after duty hours should contact the primary care manager on call at Ext. 23237, if possible, to obtain authorization to receive care. However, if your condition is an extreme emergency call the clinic for ambulance service or go immediately to Angra Hospital. Within 24-hours, after the emergency, the active-duty member or a family member must notify the primary care manager that an emergency has taken place.

Directions to the Angra Hospital

- Make a right if leaving from the main gate
- Go straight through the circle if coming off Santa Rita Hill
- Make a right at the circle (the church will be in front of you.
- Continue straight until you reach another circle
- Make a left (3/4 turn) to Angra
- Make a right onto the Angra Highway
- Follow the highway to Angra
- Approaching Angra you will pass a Mobile gas station
- Go straight through two circles
- At the third circle (with a statue) make a right
- Go straight through the stoplight intersection and straight through the next circle and the hospital will be in front of you.
- Follow the "Urgencia" signs to get to the emergency room at the back of the hospital

Patient liaisons are available 24-hours a day to assist with translation at Angra Hospital by calling Ext. 23237.

Team Lajes members seeking emergency dental care after duty hours should contact the dental-officer-of-the-day on call at Ext. 23237. The dental officer will discuss your case with you and determine the appropriate avenue of care.

Team Lajes members seeking nonemergency care after duty hours should contact the primary care manager on call at Ext. 23237. The primary care manager will discuss your case with you and determine the appropriate avenue of care. Appropriate care could be an appointment that night or an appointment within 24-hours. The primary care manager may also direct you to Angra Hospital if your condition warrants emergency treatment.

It is the intent of the 65th Medical Group Clinic to provide the best care possible. This is accomplished by keeping people informed of the clinic's services and how to best access the appropriate care.

Anyone who has ideas on ways to improve this service may fill out a comment form available throughout the clinic or contact one of the patient advocates for assistance. For more information, call Joanne Runnels at Ext. 22372 or Maj. Kimberly Cox at Ext. 26737 or 23239.







SSgt. Rochelle Babin, NCOIC of the women's health clinic takes the blood pressure of TSgt. Nancy LaConca, at the 65th Medical Group's new Women's Health Clinic. The WHC offers routine obstetrical and gynecological appointments which may be scheduled by calling the appointment desk at Ext. 23261.

Photo/SrA. Sharon Hooper

						Weekends
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	Holidays/down day
Active duty sick call	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7 a.m.
Flight surgeon's	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7 a.m.
active-duty sick call	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Family practice	8 a.m. to	8 a.m. to	8 a.m. to	8 a.m. to	8 a.m. to	
	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Expanded clinic hours	4:30 p.m. to	4:30 p.m. to	4:30 p.m. to	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	7 a.m. to
_	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	11 a.m.
Immunization clinic	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	
	11 a.m. and	11 a.m. and	11 a.m.	11 a.m. and	11 a.m. and	
	1 to 4 p.m.	1 to 4 p.m.		1 to 4 p.m.	1 to 4 p.m.	
Dental clinic	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	
	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Mental health clinic	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	
	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Health and	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	
wellness center	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Optometry clinic	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	7:30 a.m. to	
- •	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	

People First

General testifies on behalf of educational benefits

Testifying on Capitol Hill, Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel, stated the case for more education program participation.

He said the service should vigorously pursue education benefits for an estimated 133,000 airmen, or 30 percent of the force, not covered by either the Montgomery GI Bill or the Veterans' Education Assistance Program.

This includes about 59,000 who never enrolled in VEAP, 19,000 who were once enrolled in VEAP but withdrew their contributions and were not authorized to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill, and 55,000 who opted not to take the GI Bill when they entered active duty.

Also, he said the Air Force should expand the Montgomery GI Bill to let airmen pursue professional certification and licenses in certain career fields.

Starting in June 1985, all active-duty airmen were automatically enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill, upon entry on active duty. This excludes Air Force Academy graduates and Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship recipients. New service members have 14 days from entry on active duty to disenroll from the program.

Once an active-duty person has established eligibility for the Montgomery GI Bill veteran entitlement, they are authorized a \$439.84 stipend per month for 36 months of full-time training. With annual reviews, these benefits can be used up to 10 years after retirement or separation. The Department of Veteran Affairs administers the program.

Montgomery benefits can also be used on active duty after 24 months of service are completed.

There have been changes to the Montgom-

ery program in recent years:

- Airmen with VEAP balances were eligible to switch to Montgomery Oct. 9, 1996 to Oct. 8, 1997;
 - Flight training was added in 1990;
- Involuntary separating airmen may now enroll before separation; and
- ROTC scholarship recipients whose scholarship was less than \$2,000 a year and who entered active duty on or after Oct. 1, 1996, may now enroll.

The Air Force provides license and certification of active-duty people in certain positions within the career fields when the specialty requires certification to do the job. There are 10 Air Force specialty codes that need certification:

- 1X1XO, air traffic control
- 1T2X1, pararescue
- 2T3XX, vehicle maintenance
- 3E1X1, heat, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration
 - 3E2X1, pavements and construction
 - 3E4X1, utilities systems
 - 3E4X3, pest management
 - 3E7X1, fire protection
 - 4N0X1, nursing
 - 4R0X1, radiological technology.

Most Air Force specialties do not require certification. Airmen interested in obtaining civilian certificates or licenses in 49 other specialties can contact their education services office to order tests or credential materials. Airmen must pay all costs themselves.

For more information on the Montgomery GI Bill, licenses and certification, contact your base education office.

Air Force to permanently retire SR-71

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFNS) — The legendary SR-71 Blackbird, a pioneer in reconnaissance aircraft, will be permanently retired from Air Force operations.

The decision follows the secretary of defense's approval March 6 to permanently retire the aircraft following the president's line-item veto of the Defense Appropriations Act in October. Two SR-71A operational models were brought back to active duty in 1995 at the direction of Congress; two, including the SR-71B trainer model, are on loan to NASA for their high-altitude testing program; and two remain in returnable storage.

The Air Force is planning for final disposition of the airframes and associated material. Some of the SR-71's systems will be transferred to other programs. Some equipment will be transferred to NASA to support its program. Material not transferable to other programs will be disposed. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Air Force Worldview

Superbase to reduce stress, increase retention

TSgt.Timothy Hoffman
Air Force Space Command

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE,

Colo. (AFNS) — The "superbase" concept will reduce the stress of a high operations tempo, aid in getting retention rates back up and help stretch operating and maintenance money, said the Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters, during his visit to Air Force Space Command Headquarters April 17.

"Our deployment rate is four times what it was during the Cold War and we only have two-thirds the people," said Peters. "Our people, deployed or at home station, are working 50- and 60-hour weeks. This is having a dramatic impact on their lifestyle and on our retention rates."

Part of the solution to this problem is the superbase concept. The Air Force will concentrate more people and equipment at select bases, especially those that are home to an Air Expeditionary Force. These bases will have the resources necessary to deal with a higher operations tempo and flat operations and maintenance budgets, the secretary said.

"I fully support more rounds of BRAC (base realignment and closure) as proposed by Defense Secretary (William) Cohen." However, Peters pointed out the superbase concept will get under way with or without BRAC.

"Retention is a serious issue and an area, quite frankly, we are not doing very well in. Plussing up for the superbase concept is one of the tools we can use to address this problem in an era of flat budgets."

Peters doesn't see much relief coming from Congress to address the pay gap between Air Force people and their civilian counterparts, but did say the Air Force would "do everything it can within its own budget" to address the problem.

Enlisted members and junior officers also related command-specific problems to the secretary during a breakfast in the base dining facility and retention was addressed several times. (Courtesy of AFSPC News Service)

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Sports briefs

Wing golf tournament

The 65th Air Base Wing agencies will host a golf tournament May 29. The fourperson select-shot format game begins at noon and costs \$10 per person. For more information or to sign-up, call Ext. 26284.

TILGA

The Terceira Island Ladies Golf Association will have its next general meeting Saturday at 9:30 a.m., at the golf course. For more information, call Cherie Freeman at Ext. 28555.

CC ping pong

There will be a free ping pong tournament at the community center May 9 at noon. Tournament players will form two American teams to compete against offbase teams on May 30. Call Ext. 24135.

Pre-CAD tourney

The 65th Medical Group will have a pre-CAD golf tournament May 15 at noon. The format will be a three-person select shot and will finish in time for the CAD Ball, Call Ext. 26206.

Aquaknights notes

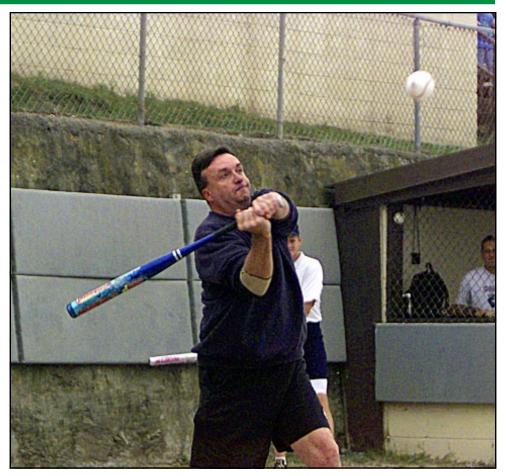
- The Aquaknights of Atlantis will have a general membership meeting Wednesday.
- Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out with the Earth Day clean-up dive. More than 1,600 pounds of garbage was fished out of Sao Mateus Bay.
- People interested in joining the dive club should visit at the top of Santa Rita Hill in Bldg. T-629. Call Ext. 23294 or 23327. We are open Monday and Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lifeguards needed

The 65th Services Division will have lifeguard training May 11 and 18. People at least 16 years of age who are interested in becoming lifeguards should call Victor Silva at outdoor recreation at Ext. 24140.

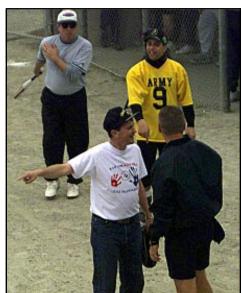
Youth softball

The opening ceremonies for youth softball and baseball will be held Saturday with opening games beginning at 9 a.m. at the youth center field. Games will be played every 75 minutes. The final game begins at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the youth of Lajes.



With a grimace and swing that would make the Mighty Casey envious, Chiefs batter George Peters lunges for the ball in an uneventful third inning. The Chiefs made their move in the fourth scoring five.

Chiefs snare Eagles 6-4



Photos/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey

Despite having no runs scored, Eagles pitcher Rod Gibson and moral supporter Ruben Nadal charge the ump. Gibson claimed that because the ball was hit at his foot and caught in the air afterward, the batter was out. Jim Hammes waits with a bat for the ref's decision.

A huge fourth inning helped the base Chiefs defeat the uninspired Eagles 6 to 4 during Wednesday's softball game.

After three innings of what could only fairly be called monotonous play, the chiefs staged a two-out slug fest to score five runs in the fourth

The footrace to homeplate began when Eagles pitcher Rod Gibson threw from homeplate to second base, discounting the base running ability of Chiefs' catcher Debra Huntley who scored from third on the ill-timed pickle attempt. From that point the next three chief batters, to include even the normally docile Dave Sutton, slapped hits around the outfield tactfully avoiding the agile glove of leftfielder D.C. Conley.

This marks the second consecutive game the Chiefs have won.

"The last time the Eagles won a game was July 4 last year," snorted Sutton. "I think Lajes will probably have its own aircraft before they win again." Gibson agreed the next game may be more difficult. "Sutton won't be here so we'll have to find a new weak spot to target."



Saturday

Lunch: Sukiyaki, Chinese 5-spice chicken,

pasta primavera

Dinner: Grilled ham steak, szechwan beef,

tuna-noodle casserole

Sunday

Lunch: Baked Italian sausage, grilled

mock fillet steak, vegetarian pizza

Dinner: Pork chop suey, baked and fried

chicken, ginger pepper steak

Monday

Lunch: Cajun meatloaf, iscas a Portuguesa

chicken chow mein

Dinner: Stuffed green peppers, roast

turkey, sausage peppers and

onions

Tuesday

Lunch: Beef alcatra, spaghetti, pepperoni

pizza

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, fried fish

portions, gingered pork

Wednesday

Lunch: Sauerbraten, ervilhas a

Portuguesa, jaegerschnitzel

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, chicken

vega, pasta primavera

Thursday

Lunch: Tamale pizza, balcahau, cozinha

velha, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Lasagna, tempura fried fish,

turkey enchiladas

May 8

Lunch: Lombo de porco, Italian meatloaf,

vegetable chow mein

Dinner: El rancho stew, mustard dill baked

fish, bean and cheese enchiladas

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)

Call Ext. 22369

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•• AUTOMOBILES ••

- 1987 Ford Tempo, gold 2 door coupe, 5 speed, AC, power steering, mirrors and cruise. No rust, reliable \$2,500 OBO. Or car and cottage H-173 for \$12,000. Call Ext. 23342, 23863 or 28996 after 8 p.m.
- Buy one, get one free. Two 1988 Yugos. Buy one which runs great with inspection until Nov. 1999 and get a matching 1988 Yugo for parts. Asking \$600, call Ext. 26113 or 55512.
- 1986 Chevy Cavalier. Engine, brakes, muffler and radiator replaced, starter and transmission rebuilt. Inspection good until June 1999. Great running car, \$3,000 OBO. Call Ext. 28408.
- 1988 Chevy Spectrum, 4-cylinder, 5-speed, looks and runs good, available May 22 May, \$2,500 OBO. 1987 Ford F350 Club Van, V8 automatic, low miles, decent shape, runs strong, Available June3, \$1,200 OBO. Call Ext. 28277 or 25156.
- 1984 BMW 318i, 2 door, good tires, new emergency brake, good mechanical condition and inspection good until Oct. Available May 12 or possibly earlier, \$3200. Call Ext. 25255 or 56175.

•• MISCELLANEOUS ••

- Table and four chairs, \$25; upholstered chair, blue, \$25; and assorted Swaroski crystal figurines. Call Ext. 25255 or 56175.
- Scuba diving two-piece wetsuit (long john and jacket with zipper and hood), 7mm thickness, Beauchat Titanium series. It has never been used, brand new, impeccable state, \$240. Call Francisco Rosa at Ext. 23151 or 99-5290.
- Motorized Powerwheels Barbie Beach Patrol Jeep - holds two children up to 130 pounds. Looks and drives like new. Always stored indoors. PCSing and need to conserve weight, \$150 OBO. Call Ext. 28404.
- Wooden, hand-made dog house, \$20; gas barbecue grill with two bottles, \$50; 19-inch color TV, \$50; bar stool, \$5; computer hutch, \$25; Yamaha keyboard, paid \$150, six months old, \$100; Casio keyboard, paid \$60, six months old, \$50; particle board bookshelf with six shelves, \$25; 35-pound dumbbell weight, \$5 OBO for all items, call Ext. 28933.
- Brown recliner, very nice and comfortable, \$100; Casio electric piano/keyboard,

\$50; huge foam-bag chair, \$50; book shelf/cabinet with glass doors, \$25; Brother type-writer, \$75; large full length mirror, \$20. Call Ext. 28277.

- Barney comforter set includes two sets of curtains, comforter, ruffle, sham, lamp and a roll of matching wallpaper border. Items are nearly new, asking \$95. Call Ext. 52767 after 6 p.m. (*This number was incorrectly listed in a previous edition.*)
- PCS sale shelves, \$5 each; throw rugs, \$5 each; lawn mower, \$15; color TV, \$15; VCR, \$100; venetian blinds, \$5 each; propane gas heater, \$75; dehumidifiers, \$75 each; ladies mountain bike, \$150; table, \$10; marble slab 30"x28", \$50; and other miscellaneous tools and items. Call Ext. 26113 or 55512.

•• COTTAGES ••

- H-104, single unit, 3 bedrooms, bath, new doors and screen doors. Interior recently painted, fenced yard, private parking, security lights, ceiling fan, two dehumidifiers, lots of storage, fireplace and beautiful ocean view. Asking \$11,000 OBO. For more information, call Ext. 28135.
- H-173, more than 1,500 square feet, 3 plus large bedrooms, 1 1/2 new baths, den, computer/sewing/play room, open living room, dining room with ceramic tiles. Massive stone fireplace with mantle. Rustic with wood beams, knotty pine, cathedral ceilings. Built in bookcase, lots of storage. Ceiling fan, separate laundry room, flash heater, off street parking for three vehicles, large fenced yard, storage shed with outlets and lights. Low crime area, short walk to schools, \$11,000 OBO.
- H-162, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 story. Fireplace, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, large yard, lots of storage space and extra room for work or play room. Available May 23, \$13,000 OBO. Call Ext. 21317 or 28825.
- H-156, spacious 4 bedroom with more than 1,500 square feet. Very well maintained with many renovations completed. Large kitchen, living and dining rooms with fireplace. Aluminum windows throughout. Large private yard with a newly cemented basketball court. Great for kids or large family. Many extras included. Must See, \$17,500 OBO. Call Ext. 28911.

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Lip sync contest

The 65th Supply Squadron's youth telethon lip sync contest will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the community center. In addition to live acts, r e freshments will be offered during the show.

CAD pentathlon

People interested in helping with CAD '98 pentathlon events or participating in the events should call Capt. Robert Roane at Ext. 24273.

Volunteers needed include unit representatives, judges and scorekeepers. Events for this year's pentathlon are: two-mile stretcher race; 400-yard firefighter's relay; javelin throw; fourperson team push ups; and the tug of war. The events will be held the week leading up to CAD and culminating with the tug of war May 16.

CC events

Find out more about the following by calling Ext. 25216.

- Treasures of the Azores presents a free whale watching seminar, May 12 at 7 p.m.
- Tony's Coffee Shop hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. People are welcome to donate old magazines to the

AFI 36-2903 Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council As of Oct. 1, the new stripes were mandatory wear. It's amazing how many people still have the old ones on their blues. Check your closets again.

Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m. Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Thought for the Week

"And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21.22

shop.

- There will be a craft fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- There will be a harpsichord and organ recital at the center May 22 at 7 p.m. A fee will be charged.

July 4 booths

People or organizations desiring July 4 booths should reserve their space by calling the community center at Ext. 24135.

Field coordinator needed

The University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education needs a full-time field coordinator. A bachelor's degree and experience in marketing, customer service, public relations and/or publicity and office administration is needed. Individual must be highly motivated, professional, have excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with management. Computer skills must include word processing, e-mail and Internet use in Windows 95-97. To apply send a cover letter and resume to: The University of Oklahoma, CMR 420, Box 913, APO AE 09063. The deadline is May 15. Interviews begin the week of May 18 and the job begins June 1. For more information, call DSN 373-6685 or 06222-67218.

Toastmasters

The Lajes Toastmasters will meet Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the club in the officer's lounge. Everyone is welcome to come out and improve their public speaking skills.

PWOC ladies tea

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a lady's tea - a Tribute to Women - Sunday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the club. Women of all ages are welcome to join for music, fellowship and children's stories presented by Kathryn Roe. The featured speaker will be Kathy Keith. Reservations can be made by calling Lynn Driskell at Ext. 28529 or Deanna Campbell at Ext. 28550. Reservations must be made by April 29.

65th SFS closure

The 65th Security Forces Squadron will close for an official function Thursday at noon. The closure includes the pass and registration and all administrative support sections.

BITS moves

The base information transfer center will be operating from a new location, Bldg. T-630, beginning Monday. All phone numbers will remain the same. For more information, call TSgt. Scott Astrosky at Ext. 26130.

TSU sale

Troy State University will have a sealed-bid auction of two lap-top computers. Minimum bid is \$100 and bids are due by noon Wednesday. Call Ext. 23375 or stop by Bldg. T-426, Room 225.

Positions open

The Lajes Elementary School is accepting applications for a GS-4 office automation clerk. Applications are due in Italy by May 18. Call Ext. 23425 for more information.

Honor guard members

The Lajes Honor Guard needs sharp, professional troops to join its ranks. Interested people should call their first sergeant or Ext. 26484.

Pie-in-face bidding update

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron pie-inthe-face contest is taking bids. Those with the highest price (votes) cast get the pie in the face. Call Ext. 26113 or 23768 to add a name to the list or place a vote. Votes are 1 cent

<u>Name</u>	Votes
Lt. Col. Roy Ruff Jr.	7,348
Col. Rodney Gibson	5,065
Kevin Small	4,100
Chap. (Capt.) Richard Novotny	3,600
Lt. Col. Charles Street	3,100
Lt. Col. Timothy Gaffney	3,000
Andy Louder	2,950



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Ruben Nadal	1,800
Maj. James Hammes	1,700
Maj. Eric McKinley	1,500
Col. Henry Childs	1,100
Nelson Rutter	1,000
TSgt. Rebecca Jacobs	1,000

CROSSROADS May 1, 1998

Movies All show times are at

p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)

Saturday

The Wedding Singer PG-13 (S•L) 97 min.

Sunday Kundun

PG-13 (V) - 135 min.

Monday

Wag the Dog R (L) 105 min.

Tuesday

Dark City R - (V•S) 104 min.

Wednesday

Krippendorf's Tribe PG-13 (S) 92 min.

Thursday

Senseless R (L•S) - 100 min.

May 8

Krippendorf's Tribe PG-13 (S) 92 min.

· Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. Robbie is a struggling singer-songwriter trying to make ends meet and when he's ditched at the altar, he's left bitter and remorseful.

· Tenzin Thuthob Tsarong and Gyurme Tethong. Spanning the life of the Dalai Lama who was forced from Tibet and exiled to India.

· Dustin Hoffman and Robert DeNiro. When scandal threatens a president's reelection, a spin doctor is assigned to draw attention away from the vote-losing situation.

· Rufus Sewell and Kiefer Sutherland, Sewell awakens to find he's wanted for murders he doesn't remember committing. He learns his memories as he knows them are artificial creations.

· Richard Dreyfuss and jenna Elfman. A single dad and anthropologist who is having a rough time raising three kids, James Krippendorf has been living on money from a research grant which is running out. Using his family as a model, he calls them the Shelmikedmu Tribe.

· Marlon Wayans and David Spade. At the top of his economics class Darryl has personal economics threaten his future - when a high-paying medical experiment offers him an opportunity.

• See Wednesday for details.

SATURDAY

0030 Showbiz Today 0100 NBA Basketball - Playoff

Doubleheader

0700 Puzzle Place

0730 Magic School Bus

0800 Brand Spanking New Doug

0830 Sylvester and Tweety

0900 Ren and Stimpy

0930 Bone Chillers

1000 New Explorers

1100 This Old House

1130 Burt Wolf's Table

1200 Headline News

1230 Navy/Marine Corps News

1300 Hockey - Conference **Quarter Finals**

1600 WWF Superstars 1700 The Entertainers

1800 LYP TELETHON LIVE!!

SUNDAY

0000 Horse Racing - The Kentucky Derby

0130 Saturday Night Live

0300 A Place For Annie

0500 Headline News

0530 Hour of Power 0630 On Main Street

0700 Coral Ridge

0730 Christopher Closeup

0800 Gargoyles

0830 Arthur

0900 Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman

1000 Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

1200 Headline News

1230 Army Newswatch

1300 NHL Hockey Conference Quarter Finals

1600 JAG

1700 Hercules

1800 NBA Showtime

1830 NBA Basketball Playoffs

MONDAY

0200 Computer Chronicles 0230 America's Black Forum

0300 Showtime at the Apollo

0400 Friday Night

0500 Meet the Press

0600 Headline News

0630 CNN/SI

0700 Sesame Street

0800 World of Richard Scary

0830 Kiana Flex Appeal

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel of Fortune 1300 Today

1500 What a Mess

1530 The Mask

1600 Captain Planet 1630 Journey of Allen Strange

1700 Jeopardy

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 Navy/Marine Corps News

1900 60 Minutes

2000 Ellen

2030 Frasier

2100 New York Undercover

2200 Headline News/News 8 2230 Tonight Show with Leno

2330 Late Show with Letterman

TUESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today

0100 NBA Basketball - Playoffs 0430 America's Funniest Videos

0500 Headline News

0530 ABC World News Tonight

0600 CNN/SI

0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Fraggle Rock

0830 Fitness Beach

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News 1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Sports Illustrated for Kids

1530 All Dogs go to Heaven

1600 Beakman's World

1630 Student Bodies

1700 Jeopardy! 1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 Showbiz Today

1900 Sliders

2000 Adventures of

Huckleberry Finn 2200 Headline News/News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Leno

2330 Late Show with Letterman

WEDNESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today

0100 America's Funniest Videos

0130 NHL Hockey Conference

Quarter Finals 0430 Video Link

0500 Headline News 0530 ABC World News Tonight

0600 CNN/SI

0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Sesame Street Special

0830 Body Shaping

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune 1300 Today

1500 Where..is Carmen Sandiego

1530 Happily Ever After

1600 Power Rangers ZEO 1630 Hidden Temple

1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 Showbiz Today

1900 Sister, Sister

1930 Home Improvement

2000 Beverly Hills 90210

2100 Ally McBeal

2200 Headlines News/News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Leno 2330 Late Show with Letterman

THURSDAY

0030 Showbiz Today

0100 NBA Baskerball -Semifinals

0600 CNN/SI

0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Fraggle Rock

0830 Fitness Beach 0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Animaniacs

1530 Goof Troop

1600 Eerie, Indiana

1630 Nick News

1700 Jeopardy

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8 1830 Showbiz Today

1900 Friends

1930 Seinfeld

2000 Just Shoot Me

2030 Boston Common

2100 ER

2200 Headline News/News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Leno 2330 Late Show with Letterman

MAY 8

0030 Showbiz Today 0100 NBA Basketball -

Semifinals

0600 CNN/SI 0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Sesame Street Special

0830 Kiana Flex Appeal 0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital 1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune 1300 Today

1500 Superman '96

1530 Taz Mania 1600 Global Guts

1630 Space Cases

1700 Jeopardy! 1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 Showbiz Today 1900 Nick Freno

1930 Simpsons

2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine (Parts 1 and 2)

2200 Headline News/News 8 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

2330 Late Show with Letterman

Don't Miss The 1998 Lajes Youth Telethon Saturday

> beginning at 6 p.m.